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Date: March 20, 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Manfred Meintker  
Serial No. : 09/665,452  
Filed : September 19, 2000  
Title : Method and Apparatus for Transferring an Article Between  
Fluid- Filled Vessels  
Examiner : Jack Keith - Art Unit: 3641

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

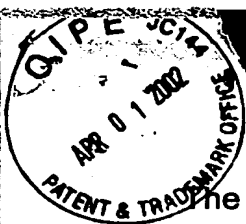
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, applicants elect **group I**, the species of **claims 1-7** for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the species of group II at a later date.

RESPONSE



The following claims read on the elected species of Fig. 1: claims 1-7.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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